

JOB DESCRIPTION



JOB TITLE: BELFAST HILLS HABITAT CONNECTIVITY OFFICER

RESPONSIBLE TO: PARTNERSHIP MANAGER

LOCATION: SOCIAL ECONOMY VILLAGE, HANNAHSTOWN, BELFAST

The Belfast Hills Partnership (BHP) is seeking to employ a Belfast Hills Habitat Connectivity Officer to execute the BHP Connectivity Project in the Belfast Hills and the wider Belfast Hills area.

Secondments may be considered

MAIN TASK:

To carry out the BHP Connectivity Project 2022-23 which will produce a nature recovery network map of the Belfast Hills and beyond based on BHP and partners data. This work will form the basis of network and link projects in the coming years.

SPECIFIC TASKS:

1. Collate relevant information held by BHP and partners in terms of habitat and indicator species surveys, data, GIS maps and surveys.
2. Research and report on best practice for nature recovery network schemes for equivalent landscapes to the Belfast Hills.
3. Produce a GIS based nature recovery network map showing potential habitats links between sites in and adjacent to the Belfast Hills.
4. Identify and plan survey work to address information and geographical gaps in network data.
5. Identify additional potential non-biodiversity benefits such as climate & flood mitigation.
6. Work with and bring together partners to develop nature recovery network based projects to link and improve priority habitats.
7. Research and devise potential 'top-up' habitat and link creation schemes in keeping with current and planned agri-environment schemes and support.
8. Ensure all new survey data, databases and mapping systems fit with NIEA and other partner systems.
9. Produce and execute a sustainability plan so that BHP staff can continue the development and implementation of resultant systems and projects.

QUALITIES REQUIRED

The Belfast Hills Partnership is seeking to employ a self-motivated, results driven, professional individual who will form part of our dynamic team. This individual needs to be able to build positive relationships while being creative and able to adapt to changes.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

1. Degree in related environmental or geographical field
2. Experience in GIS landscape mapping project work for a minimum of 6 months
3. Experience in projects with a range of partners

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

1. Experience in GIS landscape or habitat mapping project work for a minimum of 1yr
2. Understanding of Nature Recovery Network methodology and systems
3. Experience working with a range of eNGOs
4. Good working knowledge of DAERA / other agri-environment support schemes such as EFS and Forestry.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

Length of Contract: Until May 23 subject to achieving targets

Salary: £27,000 PA equivalent

Hours: 35

Holidays: 25 days + 12 statutory days

Probationary Period: 6 months

Notice: 2 months